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CONSERVATION OF MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had sanctioned a special Commonwealth fund of Rs.25 crores to Archaeological Survey of India, for elaborate conservation plans for specific structures in Delhi;

(b)if so,the details thereof;

(c)whether the Government has identified the monuments to be conserved;

(d)if so,the details of such monuments;

(e)the allocation of funds monument-wise;and

(f)the target set for carrying out conservation plans for specific structures in Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)&(b) In the context of the Commonwealth Games, 2010, the Planning Commission has conveyed in principle support and recommended allocation of Rs. 25.73 crores to Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) for conservation works at 46 monuments in Delhi.

(c) & (d) The ASI has identified 46 monuments to be conserved.They are listed at Annexure.

(e) An additional provision of Rs.99.80 lakhs has been received so far in the First Supplementary Demands for Grants,2008-09.This provision is proposed to be utilized for the conservation of Tughluqabad Fort and Qila Rai Pithora.

(f) Subject to the availability of funds,the conservation works on the said 46 monuments are targeted to be completed by July, 2010.